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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 529  
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A RESOLUTION to name a certain bridge in Carter County in honor of the late Master Sergeant Jefferson Donald "Donnie" Davis.

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, one such person was Master Sergeant Jefferson Donald "Donnie" Davis, who was killed by friendly fire near Kandahar, Afghanistan as a part of "Operation Enduring Freedom" and America's war against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Donnie Davis was born and raised in the Watauga Community of Carter County; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Davis gave the ultimate sacrifice defending our country and our way of life, and fought to protect and defend the freedom and rights for each of us so that we may live in peace; and

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WHEREAS, the Carter County Commission has requested this body to name a certain bridge spanning the Watauga River on State Route 400 South in Carter County to memorialize this distinguished Tennessean, who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal honoring the memory of Master Sergeant Davis for his heroic service to Tennessee and our country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the bridge spanning the Watauga River on State Route 400 South in Carter County is hereby designated the "Master Sergeant Jefferson Donald 'Donnie' Davis Memorial Bridge" as a memorial to his valiant service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Master Sergeant Jefferson Donald 'Donnie' Davis Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in addition to the requirements of the preceding resolving clause, this resolution shall become operative only if Carter County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such

signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Carter County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the State for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Carter County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Carter County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Carter County Commission.